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Toc H is a movement of people who seek to build friendships, and offer service, across the barriers that usually divide us from one another. The basic unit is a group - at best a good cross-section of the local neighbourhood - which meets together regularly, and seeks to serve the community around it. Toc H was founded in 1915 by the Revd P B 'Tubby' Clayton, and since then has been providing opportunities for people to test the Christian way by practical experiment.

All members pledge themselves to try:

1. *To welcome all in friendship and lessen by habit of thought, word and deed the prejudices which separate people.*
2. *To give personal service.*
3. *To find their own convictions while listening with respect to the views of others.*
4. *To acknowledge the spiritual nature of man and to test the Christian way by trying it.*

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1945-1995 - The Call to be Peace-makers

This year we shall be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, VE Day in May and VJ Day in August. How ought we to mark these two occasions? Of course, there will be thankfulness; and there will be remembrance of those who gave their lives to secure our freedom. There will be rejoicing that those who were then our enemies have become free and democratic nations and are now our friends.

There should also, surely, be a measure of repentance, from us as well as from the Germans and the Japanese, for deeds which were evil, however necessary, however justified, they seemed at the time. Repentance for Dresden and Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Above all, of course, repentance for the Holocaust.

It's easy to believe that the Holocaust is nothing to do with us, that the people who planned and carried out the murder of the Jews were supremely and uniquely evil. But the Holocaust was the end result of centuries of demonisation of Jews by the Christian church. For hundreds of years Jews were persecuted and killed because it was believed that their murder was justified, even divinely ordained, because they, after all, had killed Jesus. And it's not just in the past. All of us, at some time or other, have dismissed or demonised some category of people. Maybe not Jews, maybe it was black people, or homeless people, or people with learning difficulties - or maybe it was Germans, or Japanese. We've done it thoughtlessly, with no intention that it should lead to mass murder. But that kind of thoughtlessness helped to create the conditions in which the Holocaust became possible.

But I think there's something else we need to remember this year. Although we shall be celebrating the coming of peace there has been scarcely a day since 1945 when there hasn't been war somewhere. And then there are all the lesser conflicts, at work, at home, even at Toc H, in which all of us get caught up at one time or another. Nobody gets killed but a lot of people are deeply hurt. This year we need above all to think about what it means to be peace-makers, because that's what, as people of faith, we are called to be.

Peace - shalom, salaam, shanti - is central to all the world's great religions. And peace is something more than simply the absence of conflict. It's linked to justice. And it calls us to welcome, rather than to demonise, those who are different, to rejoice in the rich diversity which our God has created.

Ken Prideaux-Brune

Why Work?

The Work Ethic - CAMEO - 3 to 5 February 1995

The attractive Yorkshire seaside town of Whitby seemed an appropriate setting for a CAMEO entitled 'Why Work?'. Nestling in the shadow of the abbey to one side and with superb views over the town and harbour to the other, our venue - Whitby Youth Hostel - seemed ideal to contemplate what one might prefer to be doing instead of work!

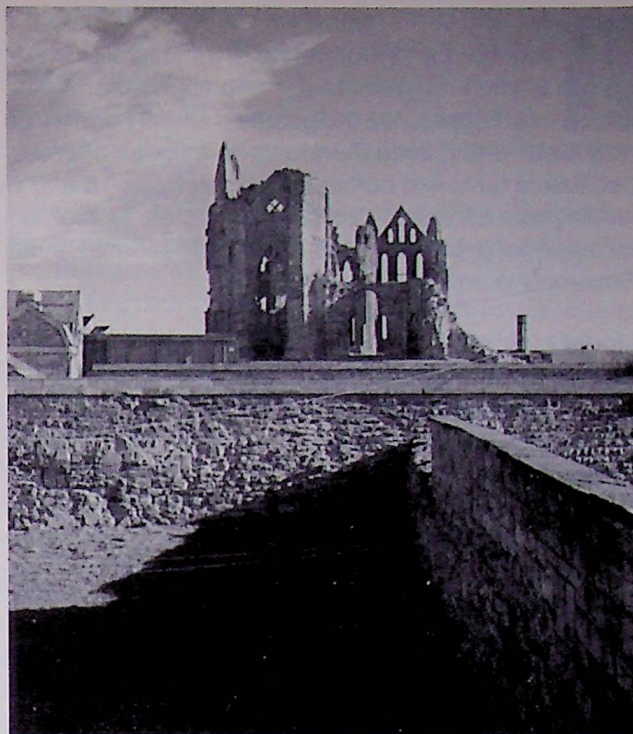
In fact, the event brought together a dozen participants from a variety of job situations and experiences to explore attitudes to 'the work ethic' and consequences for the waged and unwaged. The diversity of experience among us included employment and unemployment, redundancy and government training schemes, all of which enhanced our understanding of people in these situations and helped alter attitudes where ill-informed prejudice may previously have prevailed.

Besides an exploration of attitudes to work and the unemployed, we also considered issues like the psychological impact of unemployment, particularly as a result of redundancy - which was graphically portrayed by one participant - and the potential use of leisure time.



In addition to our 'work' we found time for play, with an opportunity to spend some time in Whitby plus the chance to socialise into the late evening. Some participants even saw filming taking place for an episode of ITV's *Heartbeat* programme.

It is the first time that Toc H in the north east have used a YHA youth hostel for this type of event. We didn't have exclusive use of the hostel and, on this occasion, we found having other users in the facilities enhanced rather than detracted from the event. Certainly our group responded with a welcoming openness to the other guests, who joined in our social activities and afforded us the opportunity



to promote Toc H in a very direct way. Had the hostel been busier, however, there may have been some disruption to our programme.

Our final session appraised the event and comments were very positive. Three quarters of the group were people from the Cleveland area, four of them new to Toc H activities. Virtually everyone pledged future involvement and many have backed that up with action, applying for other events. Positive proof that CAMEO's not only bring together people with different experiences to explore their differences, but also stimulate interest and continued involvement in the Movement.



John Dunwell

Development Officer, Cleveland Team ■

The Magic That Got Me Hooked on Toc H

Ruth Boyd spoke to CEC Vice-Chair Helen James in March about how Toc H has influenced her life:

I was born and brought up in Lancashire, where my family - my parents and two younger brothers - still live. I appreciate the beautiful countryside much more now than when I lived there and go back as often as I can, because it feels like home. I left when I was 18 and went to Nottingham University to take a degree in mathematics, followed by a Masters degree in Operational Research at Sussex University.

My first job after University was working for British Rail in Operational Research, and then for Lucas, in Market Analysis. I am currently Market Analysis Manager for Coca Cola and Schweppes Beverages, working in a highly competitive culture where initiative is encouraged, and I thrive on that. My career is very important to me and I am highly motivated and work very hard. I have recently taken on responsibility for some of the Financial Analysis as well, which is a new challenge for me.

I married my husband John in 1992. He soon realised the benefits of being married to a career woman and decided to leave his job and study to become a solicitor! He is a full-time student, currently in his last year, and it has been a brave move for both of us.

M y other great love, apart from Toc H, is dancing, which I have enjoyed since I was small. When I was growing up it was ballet and tap, then, at University, I took up Ballroom and Latin American and danced in the University team. I have recently started doing Ceroc dancing, which is a French version of jive and is great fun. I enjoy being fit and taking exercise, particularly walking, and also make my own clothes, enjoy travel and making new friends - as well as spending time with existing ones; especially the company of my husband.

I first came across Toc H at school, when I was 15. A teacher talked to the class about Projects and encouraged us to give it a try in the summer. I thought the whole idea sounded awful - the prospect of

spending a week with a group of people I had never met before simply terrified me. I didn't go. One of my friends did, however, and loved it. She got very involved in Projects after that, and used to come back with stories of her experiences.

When I was 18, and a little more confident socially, she invited me to go on a *Volunteers Weekend* in the West Midlands. Its aim was to introduce people to Toc H Projects, and her passport to go on the weekend was to bring someone new - me!

I went along simply because I had heard so much about her experiences and was curious to see what I might get out of it. Her enthusiasm was certainly infectious. I had no real expectations, but I did trust in her assurances that it would be 'safe'. The weekend was full of enthusiastic people and it was clear that they got a great deal out of their involvement and that they had grown personally through it. I had been concerned that the organisation might be full of 'do-gooders' trying to convert me. That would have put me right off, in the same way as the Christian Union at

University had intimidated me.

The Volunteers Weekend made me decide to explore a bit further, to see whether this Toc H thing was for me. I signed up for my first project - a long weekend clearing a canal in Stroud. It wasn't quite like the Projects that the people I had met on the weekend had described. There wasn't a great group feeling - one leader and two volunteers weren't even able to be there for the whole project. It was OK - fun but nothing special. I learned many years later that it was one of the classic 'disaster projects' in West Mids folklore!

F rom that experience I went on to do Leadership Training, but wasn't asked to lead a Project for a couple of years.

My next involvement was in a *Life in a Small Group* weekend. I did it because it sounded interesting - learning through observation and experience about how groups work, how individuals function within them, and my own role within a group. Shortly afterwards, I started doing job interviews with my work and found myself so fascinated by the process



in the group discussions that I kept forgetting to get involved with the task! Many of the experiences I have gained through my involvement with Toc H have been useful in my own life.

I became a member of the Movement in early 1985, because I wanted to make a real commitment to something that it seemed would be a major influence on my life. This has certainly led to what seems an ever-increasing involvement. I led my first project in the summer of 1985, which involved two weeks working at a holiday home for children with disabilities. After that I did a number of projects - conservation, a children's holiday, a holiday with people with schizophrenia, even painting the toilets in a men's night shelter in Birmingham, and various weekends.

A challenging Toc H experience was the setting up of a Toc H Group with some friends, when I lived in Hitchin, Hertfordshire. We achieved a number of weekend Projects but found it difficult to involve people locally, as we ourselves had no local links.

I joined the South East Projects Committee in 1984 and thus embarked in a career on Committees, which takes up a lot of my spare time and can be rewarding, because I am interested in helping Toc H to develop. I was Chairer of the National Projects Committee for a number of years, and throughout the Project Development Plan. I had my experience of projects to offer, but also still see this as an important aspect of the work of Toc H. This is my seventh year on the CEC and I am also a member of the Personnel committee. I think it is important that staff are treated properly. I think that working for Toc H must be very difficult. (I don't think I could do it!). I get cross when I hear staff being criticised by members who know nothing about them. They are an incredibly valuable asset to Toc H and we should value them more.

As Vice-Chairer I am automatically a member of the Public Relations and Appeals Group. I have recently joined the Regional Executive Committee, because I want to get more involved in the region beyond the Projects and CAMEOs participants. Venturing into new areas is important for personal growth and also for ridding us of the 'Them and Us' mentality which can be so detrimental. I still find myself labelled as a 'Projects Person' and a 'Young Person' even though I'm 31 and have been involved in Toc H for many years. It somehow creates the impression that I must be considered an 'Inferior Person'. As members of Toc H we are working towards the same goals, so we are all Toc H people first and foremost.

Pigeonholing people for life is something we are guilty of in Toc H and have to be aware of - we need to be sure we are practising what we preach about prejudice. It is so easy to build up an impression of someone based on what others say about them, without any real experience of them. In Toc H we have to be careful of falling short of our own standards because we have such a long history that we have had time to build up a whole library of impressions about other people within the Movement!

I have become involved in the CAMEO Development Committee and in CAMEOs in the last two to three years, having done my first CAMEO two years ago which was on Irish Issues. I am very interested in CAMEOs because it is an exciting Method which goes to the heart of what Toc H is about - bringing people together, getting behind the labels, recognising and respecting differences rather than papering over the cracks.

My involvement has been very rewarding personally. I have gained a tremendous amount in terms of my own personal development and I strongly believe that Toc H has something important to say to the

world, particularly in the area of bringing people together and respecting differences between them.

I enjoy taking risks in a safe environment, that is the challenge of Toc H in my own life. All my Projects and the CAMEO on Irish matters were chosen because I was intimidated by the content of them.

Toc H has provided an environment in which I have been able to look at my spiritual growth - I have been able to push myself just a little bit further than is comfortable with each new experience. This is important for real growth to happen.

I am constantly being surprised by people - knowing someone for 10 years doesn't mean that you know very much about them at all and Toc H offers a means of speeding up such a process. I would say that it has enabled me to develop friendships which go beyond the normal boundaries and these are very important to me.

I have developed a confidence in the way I think people should be treated and what I can expect from them, which rubs off on my daily life and especially my work. For example, within Toc H I am able to do things that I wouldn't have been trusted with elsewhere, such as chairing meetings and running training sessions.

I believe in the importance of the individual and the idea of working alongside people with difficulties, rather than the patronising approach of 'helping' them. That is certainly one of the main attractions of Toc H for me and, when I spend time with people who are new - eg on a CAMEO or leadership training - I am reminded of what excited me about it in the first place. There is something unique about the Toc H experience and I feel personally challenged to do something about the cynicism I have sometimes witnessed within the Movement, which is like a worm

eating away at people's enthusiasm to get on and do it.

The success of Toc H is entirely dependent on the enthusiasm and motivation of the people concerned. We get cynical because we start taking for granted the things that drew us into Toc H in the first place. It's a bit like being married - at first is all starry eyed love, but there's a danger that with familiarity you start to notice the things you don't like

about your partner, rather than the things that made you marry them in the first place. Cynicism throws us into a downward spiral - the more cynical we are the less we feel like getting out there and making things happen. The fewer things we achieve, the more cynical we get about the future. We all need to challenge ourselves to do something positive that we can get really excited about this year. I do include myself in this. My challenge is to make at

least one CAMEO happen in London this year and to run my own 'Journey of Discovery' day. It's just a question of making the time and putting these positive things at a higher priority than the more pressing, but less exciting, things I do.

Toc H is just as exciting and relevant to new people as it was when I first got involved. We all need reminding once in a while of the magic that got us hooked in the first place. ■

Back to Basics

When the Prime Minister and other members of the Government urged the nation to get back to basics in our national life as a means of confronting the rise in crime, many of us thought that they meant a return to the Ten Commandments as the rule of life and our ethical code. We have now learned that this was not their meaning. The Pope, in his recent encyclical, has made a similar statement, by saying that there are unchanging objective standards of morality which apply invariably to all occasions in our lives. But for Christians it is not quite so simple as this appears to be, and yet, paradoxically, it is completely simple.

The Law of Love

What do I mean? What are the basics to which Christians must return? What is the invariable moral law to which all our conduct must conform? For us it is only one thing, the Law of Love. That is the only law there is for Christians and it takes the place of all codes, moral, ethical, or legal. The Jews had already isolated two commandments as being the greatest, to love God and to love one's neighbour, and Jesus agreed with this. But the Jews still thought that they must keep all the six hundred odd commandments of the law of Moses as a code of

conduct in order to please God. Jesus says that, good as many of these laws are, the demands of love supersede them all. When he was told that his healings on the sabbath broke the fourth



commandment, he made it clear that the command to love one's neighbour, in this case by healing him, overrides the legal prescriptions to do no work on the sabbath day. And even the ordinary needs of human beings override the law, as in the case of the disciples plucking ears of corn on the sabbath when they were hungry. It is clear that it does not have to be a big, momentous thing in order to make it right to seemingly 'disobey' the law. And there is no sin in what Jesus and the disciples have done. In the case of the healings it would have been a sin not to do them indeed.

Jesus Confronts the Jews

Again Jesus confronts the Jews over the laws of ritual purity. 'Why

do your disciples not wash before they eat?' This was not a matter of hygiene, as it would be with us, when we wash before eating, but the contracting of ritual impurity, e.g. by having touched a Gentile.



Love commands Jesus not to despise the Gentile by such a practice, nor to countenance the superstition that a person becomes unclean by such contact. He makes it clear that what makes someone unclean is the evil, unloving intentions of the heart. And, on another occasion, when beside the coffin of the widow's son at Nain, he deliberately makes himself 'unclean' by touching the coffin, a thing he did not have to do. So in all these ways Jesus is demonstrating that the only law which we have to obey is the Law of Love - what is the loving thing to do in any situation?

This teaching is taken up by St Paul when he says in Romans 13:8-10 *Let no debt remain outstanding except the continuing*

debt of love to each other for he who loves his fellow men has fulfilled the law. The commandments; Do not commit adultery/murder/steal/covet, and whatever other commandments there may be, are summed up in this one rule: Love your neighbour as yourself. Love does no harm to its neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.

This is why Paul is able to say that, as Christians, we are not under law but under grace - and that means all forms of the law, the law of Moses, the ten commandments, the law of the land or any other law. Christians do not operate by keeping rules and regulations, but by considering on every occasion what love of God and our neighbours would have us do. Of course in the majority of cases love will tell us to do what the law says: if I am tempted to steal I shall think that my stealing will hurt my neighbour and so be an unloving act; therefore I shall not steal but I shall refrain from stealing, not because a law, a rule or regulation tells me not to, but because I see that love forbids it and that the right, the beautiful thing to do, is not to steal. Of course, in perhaps 98% of cases what I do in response to love will be what the law also tells me to do, but my reason for doing or not doing it will be different, driven by the dictates of love and not obedience to a code. And that does make all the difference.

Decisions Made by Love

And then there are the other 2% of cases. What about a starving man who cannot get food in an 'honest' way? No one gives him anything, so he takes food from someone else's house, shop, garden. Is he stealing? Is what he does a sin? Or you, if someone comes to your house whom you suspect of being a psychopathic killer and asks where so and so is, will you tell him? Or will you say you don't

know or that the person is somewhere else, while you know all the time he is in the house? Have you told a lie? Is it a sin? The Law of Love tells you that in each case the person has acted in love - for his own starving body or for the person in the house, and though, technically, it is stealing or a lie, it is not evil or a sin. It is not even the lesser of two evils. There is no such thing. The persons have acted in the right way, the only way in those circumstances which is right and loving. Of course, the cases I have taken are pretty obvious and we are often confronted with more complicated cases than these. It is then that we are tempted to look for a rule in the rule book, a rule of thumb as we call it, which will avoid the agony and responsibility of making a decision about what to do on the basis of the facts of the individual case. But the Christian is forbidden to take this easy way out. In every case where a moral decision must be made, while of course he may bear in mind what the law says, he must make up his mind on the sole criterion of what is the loving thing to do. As I said before, most of the time this will turn out to be what the law says, because the law is a rough guide to what love demands. But our decision must be made by love and not by law.

This involves being fully responsible for the decisions we make and this is often hard. It would be easier if we had a religion of rules and could look in the book of rules to see what to do and then apply that rule willy-nilly. But as Christians we are not allowed to do this. That means that we may make mistakes; we may allow our selfishness or greed to take the place of love in making our calculation about what to do and we may deceive ourselves into thinking that we are activated by pure love when it is really self at the helm. But we must still make our decision by love alone, aided

by the grace of God. Love and love alone is the clue to God's action in the world, and love and love alone is the clue to our action in His world, in all our relationships with our fellow human beings and with all the other beings and objects with whom, and with which, we share existence in His world. The basis is love and love alone. The objective standard which never changes is love and love alone.

A Prayer

*Jesus, we always want to exclude,
to reject those who are different,
to marginalise whole groups,
to cold shoulder those who don't walk
with us,
to keep safe distances and erect
sanitised barriers to love and desire
lest they should humanise us.*

*But you, Jesus, you say,
"Do not forbid him who uses my name,"
"You don't know what spirit you are of,"
you cast down walls of partition,
you embrace the despised, the neglected,
you risk being called drunkard, glutton,
you share in the parties of the poor,
you dine at the outcast's table,
you welcome the sinner to your kingdom.*

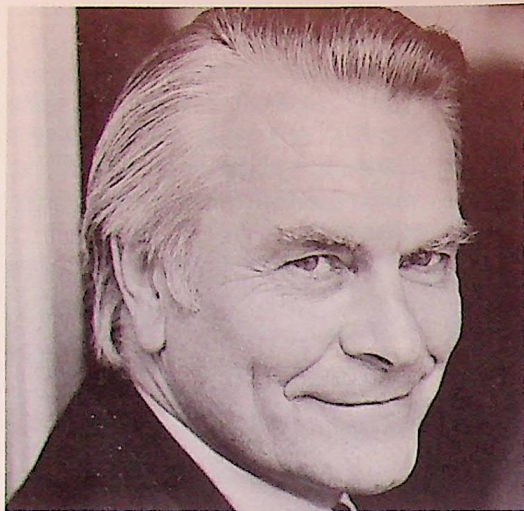
*Make us, Lord, like you,
accepting, embracing, including,
until with you we may say,
There is nowhere I should not go
no one I should not love.*

Bishop Derek Rawcliffe ■

After being ordained in Worcester in 1944, Bishop Derek went to the South Pacific and served first in the Solomon Islands, teaching, and then in the New Hebrides (now Vanuatu) as Archdeacon. When the church in those islands became independent in 1975 he became the first Bishop of the New Hebrides. In 1980 he came back to Britain to allow a local priest to succeed him as Bishop. In 1981 Bishop Derek was elected Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway in the Scottish Episcopal Church, from which post he retired in 1991. He now lives in Leeds and helps in the ministry of St Aidan's, and is assistant bishop at Ripon.

Reconciliation and Peace Toc H N

When the talking stops...



Lord Owen is delivering the first Toc H Lecture aboard the World War II cruiser, HMS Belfast, in London on Wednesday, 5 April. The Lecture theme is, appropriately, reconciliation - reflecting the core focus of Toc H work and activities.

It is appropriate, in this special year for our Movement, that we remind ourselves and others of the fundamental principle of Toc H, that, by bringing people together, we seek to provide an experience that will encourage reconciliation in our human relationships and ultimately with God. It is also right that, in a year when many of the world's nations reflect on the 50 years of reconciliation that have passed since the end of World War II, our Movement plays its part in recognising not only what has been achieved but what there is still to do.

It was with these thoughts in mind, particularly in view of the fact that Toc H has something to say on the subject of reconciliation, that we decided to introduce as a national event what we hope will be the first of many Annual Toc H Lectures. We believe that it is important for Toc H to create an intellectual challenge, directed at those who hold positions of responsibility as representatives of a wide range of our national institutions and life. We want more people to know that Toc H has something to offer when it comes to developing the processes that enable people at all levels in society to reconcile their differences and work towards the common good.

How successful we shall be we cannot say, but we are duty bound to try and to try again. While we continue to talk about such issues there is hope but, if the talking stops, the darkness which would then ensue could only bring pain and misery.

Mike Lyddiard

Toc H has practised good neighbourliness for 80 years. Through Toc H, they have discovered the importance of listening with respect to others - particularly those

Good neighbourliness is the first, all-important step. Reconciliation begins when one person steps towards another. It begins when one person listens to another with openness.

Reconciliation and peace are the themes dominating the

A Declaration of Hope

On Monday 1 May, a small group of people will present a Toc H *Declaration of Hope* to 10 Downing Street. This declaration will bear the signatures of thousands of people and its purpose is to make a statement about peace and reconciliation. There are five aspects to the Declaration:

It is a declaration of acceptance that, while we can and should commemorate the end of World War II,



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preceded by a presentation of flowers

We commemorate the 50th anniversary
with remembrance

But remembrance and thanksgiving must also be part of
today's and tomorrow's

The Rally for Reconciliation brings

President: The Revd Dr

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National Events in April and May

years. Thousands of people can testify that, once of friendship, caring together in the community, as we disagree with, and practising what we believe.

Step towards world reconciliation and peace. Towards another with open hands and mind. Peace open ears and heart.

Timing national Toc H events in April and May...

we cannot celebrate world peace. It is also a declaration of belief that world reconciliation and peace begins with our own attitudes and actions towards our neighbours. It is a declaration of recognition that, while we cannot change the world, we can change ourselves. It is a declaration of commitment to what Toc H has always stood for - the ideals of reconciliation of man with man and man with God. Finally, it is a declaration of hope for peace in the world, our country, and our communities.

Rally for Reconciliation

Monday 8th May 1995

Methodist Central Hall,
Westminster, 3 to 5 pm

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The Declaration gives each person signing it the opportunity to make their own commitment, tell the world what Toc H stands for, invites others to share the Toc H vision, makes a public statement that reconciliation and peace are important for today's and tomorrow's generation, and attracts attention to Toc H. Toc H will contact all those who have given their names and addresses, asking them if they would like more information about Toc H and our activities.

Toc H members will have received forms to complete for the *Declaration of Hope*. Please do what you can to gain as many names and addresses as possible and send your completed forms to Revd Alan Johnson at HQ by 21 April.

50 years on. . . Toc H invites you to. . . Share the Peace and light the way to a better world

Well over 400 *Share the Peace* Resource Packs have already been sent out. More are being requested daily. They have been sent all over Britain and to many countries in Europe, to Africa, Australasia, India and South America. There will be *Share the Peace* vigils in people's homes, Toc H Centres, churches of all denominations, cathedrals - maybe even a motorway service station!

While Europe commemorates the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, thousands of men, women and children will be making a commitment to reconciliation and peace for today's and the next generation.

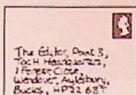
This is a major activity for Toc H and rooted in everything the Movement stands for. We are making major efforts to ensure that the initiative receives as much publicity as possible. Have you ordered your *Organiser's Pack* and *Participants' Sheets*? Have you planned your vigil and ordered the full booklet of *Quotes to Consider*? Have you invited friends and neighbours? Have you publicised your vigil with the *DIY PR Pack*? Have you let HQ know where your vigil is taking place?

If you need help or more information, contact Alan Johnson or Ian McCraw at HQ now.

Meanwhile, I wish you every blessing in your vigil. Do write and let me know how it went and, especially, if your group writes its own *Quote to Consider*, please let me have a copy.

Alan Johnson

Your Letters



Please Remember VJ Day

The comment in the North East Region back page ad for the Share the Peace Camp in February's *Point three* states: 'We shall be celebrating 50 years of peace following the end of the Second World War', which seems to reiterate the wartime belief that Forces in the Far East were merely forgotten. Indeed even our own pocket diary ignores VJ Day.

I feel sure that my fellow Far East PoW comrades will find this to be a little insensitive.

Reg Normandale, Wellingborough

Don't Teach Your Grandmother to Suck Eggs!

I refer to the last paragraph of the article, Giving Matters, in *Point three*, January. I feel sure that there are many other long-standing members of the Movement who, like myself, find this statement to be particularly inept. Furthermore, the writer doesn't even qualify the figure of £119.54 by giving details of his calculation. Where did he get this information from?

Edgar Stickley, Kidderminster

Turn Off the Set on 5 May

There has been much written recently about bad language and violence on TV and its effect on children, and this has led to a call to the nation to switch off their sets in protest on Friday 5 May. The campaign was begun by Catholic mother of two, Mary Pettifor, and I feel it is something we in Toc H should be supporting. Would you join me in writing to Mary Pettifor to support her campaign, as well as turning off your set on 5 May. Please write to her at: NO TV DAY, The Universe, First Floor, St James's Buildings, Oxford Street, Manchester M1 6FP.

Harvey Stamp, Barkingside

The Vandewalle Room

A reader's letter in February *Point three* referred to Suffys Room as the new name for one of the rooms in Talbot House. This should actually have read Vandewalle Room, named after Sylvain and Angele Vandewalle-Suffys, who were wardens at Talbot House for 25 years.

Martine Boone, Talbot House

News From New Zealand

Toc H in New Zealand is a mere 70 years old this year, but we are well and truly aware of what an 80th birthday means. You see, a good percentage of our sparsely spread membership is well over the 80-year mark, but their interest in Toc H as a way of life doesn't diminish with the years. We may not be as active on the 'physical job front', but where we can help with monetary contributions to the jobs other groups do in the community we do. Not that that necessarily means great largesse, because we're all OAPs with limits on our means. However, we do have the Toc H New Zealand Bowerbank Charitable Trust (set up with a bequest from a former Honorary Commissioner, Sir Fred Bowerbank) which is able, once a year, to make grants to worthwhile efforts being done by others (like Barnardo's, YWCA and so on), the sort of efforts that Toc H itself would have done in its younger years. It's a bit frustrating for those of us who can't get up and run as fast as we did in service to others, but we know that the spiritual side of our Movement sustains not only us, but the young and old and fit and infirm in our community.

In the 1950's, a young chap by the name of Jack Davies came out to New Zealand as a staff man - he'd been on the staff in Britain before. For a variety of reasons, none to do with Jack's considerable ability, the staff position could not be sustained in this long, thin, widespread population. That didn't deter Jack though, because he and his wife Betty stayed on in Wellington, got themselves employment and joined the local Toc H Branch, where they remained among the most active over many years. Jack, the remaining partner, now living some 50 km north of the capital, has been talking to some of his retired friends in the village of Waikanae, about Toc H, and out of those conversations has come the formation of the first CAMEO in New Zealand. This is probably rather different from some of the UK CAMEOs in that this is a drop-in centre for the older folks in the village. They have been able to rent premises in the main shopping area, and Toc H has provided the first year's rent to get them settled. The place is open five days a week, has 'minders' from local volunteers and is a regular calling place for those who like to rest their weary legs after a supermarket trundle, and catch up with all the local doings. Toc H has a sort of medium profile now in an area much favoured by retirees, in a mild climate beside the Tasman sea. So who says you can't do your Toc H duty when you reach the age of 80? Jack Davies and others are proving the point in New Zealand that there's life in, if you'll pardon the expression, the old dogs yet! !

Philip Liner

Honorary Commissioner, New Zealand

A Swan's Song

Reading through the *Share the Peace* Organiser's Pack, I was reminded of a programme on BBC Radio when the late Donald Swann was being interviewed by Richard Baker. One of his last compositions was setting a tune to the special prayer for peace associated with Mother Teresa. After trying to find a copy of the cassette tape on the commercial market, I finally wrote to Donald Swann about two years ago at his home in Battersea. Despite his terminal illness, he replied immediately via his Agent, Leon Berger, who confirmed that the tape was not available commercially but he would be happy to send me a copy which would cost £10. I happily accepted this offer. The tape contains the following:

Side A - Requiem for the Living. Live performance, Northampton Bach Choir. Peace Prayer. A 1 2-minute talk by Donald Swann on its musical settings.

Side B - Requiem for the Living. Studio recording. Narrator Jill Balcon (Mrs Day Lewis). Peace Prayer. Choral Arrangement. Off Air Broadcast.

The various settings of the Peace Prayer which Donald Swann talks about include the tune being played by himself, by the Bells of Dunblane Cathedral, the Choir of St Giles Cathedral, the school children of Patchway School, Bristol, on the bells and singing. Finally, a version by Rock Singer the Revd Garth Hewitt.

A fairly recent telephone call to Leon Berger indicated he could supply the tape. However, those interested would be well advised to phone him first (0171 485 8702). Address: Leon Berger, 25 Leighton Grove, Kentish Town, London NW5 2QP.

Len Sebright
Taunton

A Thriving Movement, or One That Has Become Dormant and is Dying?

I have been a Toc H member for more than 10 years. In that time I have seen community houses bought and sold, many different projects come and go, lots of changes of staff, input of funds into certain area - and to what avail?

In Birmingham over the last few years a number of groups have closed, one or two short lived groups have come and gone, and the groups that remain (with the possible exception of Birmingham Outward Group) are growing increasingly elderly and, as membership of these groups dwindle, they close - with no younger groups to replace them. If this trend continues for another year or two, Toc H in Birmingham will all but die out.

Which raises urgent questions. Are we meeting the demands of the local community? Have our traditional areas of work been taken over by other agencies? And, if so, are there other areas that we need to be looking at? The provision of a staff member in the area has not stemmed the flow of groups closing, nor has it increased the rate of new ones opening.

Even at the Birmingham Outward Group they are finding it increasingly difficult to get volunteers to help run groups and to administer the organisation. While there are still plenty of volunteers willing to help on activities or weekends, none seem prepared to help with the day to day running, which is becoming an ever growing problem.

Perhaps one solution would be for Toc H to provide areas with staff members and secretarial back-up, based at an office within each area which could service several groups. This would serve two functions: the staff in the office could be responsible for joining in all local group meetings and providing back-up to these groups, and also ensure that we would maintain links with our local staff members.

It is difficult for a Toc H headquarters based in Buckinghamshire to know what are the local area needs. At present they go to the District Committees, but they are not particularly effective and are out of touch with the needs of the area.

A number of people leave the Movement because they cannot achieve what they want. Surely it is high time that the areas explained what their local needs are, and what they are capable of achieving? Perhaps our paid staff could then enable them to realise those goals! There would be more enthusiasm if there were more motivation.

Toc H needs to be more realistic about its achievements and begin to plan for a future based on a solid foundation. Relying on voluntary staff is no longer a practical way forward, and the siting of offices around the country, manned by paid staff catering for local needs, providing meeting rooms for groups at cheap rates, working with local groups rather than independently of them, and finding the means of funding this work, would inject new life into our Movement. It goes without saying that such staff would be professional and be given a mandate to stay for a reasonable amount of time - affording a sufficient handover period when they leave. All too often in Toc H's past work has had to begin all over again when someone has left, because the information hasn't been handed on.

Steve Ward
Bournville

BRANCH NEWS

Welcome to 28 New Members

John Broadley, Susan Shelley-Smith,
Peta Woodberry (Bilston Group)
Stanley Evans, Alan Norton (Brandon Branch)
Joy Ash (Chiltern Hills Branch)
Geoffrey Elmes (Buckingham Branch)
Mildred Moore, Edith Palmer,
William Shiels (Cheltenham Branch)
Edna Carr (Higham Ferrers (W) Branch)
Andrew Mills (Mill Hill Branch)
Ruth Boyd, Jenny Small (North Bucks with Oxford District)
Alan Barker, Linda Barker (Paderborn Branch)
Kathleen Barton-Smith, B M Davis, Patricia Jones,
Rose Poling (Parkhurst (W) Branch)
Mary Bell, Marjorie Homer, Doreen Morrice, Evelyn Percival,
Joan Smith, Betty Stankowski (Rushden (Afternoon) Branch)
Thomas Coltman (Station Branch)
Thomas Leech (Wallasey Branch)



The Bishop of Southall officiated at the priesting on Sunday 26 February at St Mary's Church, Nottingham, of the Revd Sue Cummings. Toc H supporters were there in force, with some fifty members attending the ceremony. On the left of Sue in the photo are Yvette Fryman and Byron Plaistow. To Sue's right are Freda and Jack Robson, Hazel Whiles and Peter Sims.



The Revd John Hull assisted in the priesting at Sue's special request. Sue was on the staff when John Hull was National Chaplain and Ken Prideaux-Brune was Director. John Mitchell and Ken jointly led one of Sue's early projects at Poperinge when she was a teenager, and she looks back on Toc H as a significant influence in her path towards the priesthood. Sue was a member of staff for nine years.



Leominster Joint Branch member Mr Malcolm Lloyd raised £334 from a sponsored swim, for Toc H funds and for the Arthritis Care Group in Leominster. The photo shows Malcolm presenting a cheque to two Arthritis Group members.

Broxbourne & Hoddesdon Branch member David Collins wants branches and members to help with his branch's 80th birthday exhibition in May. He is particularly interested in borrowing photos showing branch activities during the two World Wars. Please contact him at 6 Palmers Grove, Nazeing, Essex EN9 2QF Tel: 01992 892630

Members of **Station Branch** would like to thank Toc H members and branches who have kindly donated funds towards helping them pay off the loan for the Middlesbrough Toc H Thrift Shop. They are also grateful for all the donations to the shop 'stock'. Ann Self says that the shop has been open for almost a year now and is able to pay its own bills, but prices of garments and goods are kept low because they are serving a poor area. It will therefore take some time before they can pay back all they owe.



Methods Administration Officer John Biggerstaff recently celebrated 21 years on the staff of Toc H. John can be seen with his wife, Joan, cutting the celebration cake, which he shared with staff members at Headquarters.

Elmstead Joint Branch held their 41 st AGM on 8 March. They welcomed three new members and reported that there had been many interesting branch talks during the year, in addition to two social evenings and a quiz and poetry reading. A high spot was a meeting when members reminisced about their war-time experiences. The branch have made three visits to Hamilton Lodge and helped at the local community centre bazaar. They have knitted 48 blankets for those in need, as well as baby clothes and tops for Rwanda.

Adrian

*There is no guile behind his eyes
An open heart for all to see
A clutch of pain myself decries
Who cannot claim such honesty*

*He understands though cannot speak
His thoughts for you to comprehend
A hand laid softly on the cheek
Conveys his love to every friend*

*He lives within a special nation
Peopled by the same as he
Once seen it needs no explanation
Its love is plain for all to see.*

Bill Bains



Stan Saunders of Loughborough Joint Branch writes that a Friends of Khasdobir Group was formed in Loughborough in September 1994, with the help of Toc H member Kathleen Jackson, who has been a long-time friend of Khasdobir and has visited the project many times. The Group includes Toc H members Joyce Green and the Revd Hazel Bradley as well as people from the Bangladeshi Community. Their first fundraising event, a meal at the Mogul-E-Shahi restaurant, raised £540. Jean Brown and Kathleen presented a cheque to Peter East and Harun Ahmed at a meeting in Nottingham on Peter's return from Bangladesh. **It is possible that a group may start in Birmingham - would anyone interested please contact Karen Thomson at The Toc H Davenant Centre, 179 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1DU Tel: 0171 247 5110**



Marilyn Surtees, Development Officer based in Cleveland writes: 'My Toc H work with is really rewarding and is generating lots of interest from all kinds of sources. It has attracted about ten new volunteers and five attended a recent weekend leaders training event. These people are also getting involved in other Toc H activities such as CAMEOs and are setting up a support group. It's great when your plans start paying off. I wish work was always like this.'

One of Marilyn's main concerns, along with **Susan Huddleston**, is to help young girls from Middlesbrough's St Hilda's estate. The teenagers join Toc H voluntarily, often hearing about it through others in the same position. Already, a 14-year-old heroin-user is off drugs and girls are being turned away from prostitution. Marilyn says: 'People have the idea that only boys commit crime, but we have girls who have stolen cars, taken heroin and have cautions for prostitution.'

Last year Marilyn and Susan Huddleston took a group of the girls to the Colsterdale Centre to do conservation work and it is hoped that a group will go abroad to help Romanian refugees in Germany later this year. Marilyn adds: 'We don't pretend to solve all their problems and some will re-offend, but this is working. The change in the former heroin user has been great, we found out about her and she agreed to come.'

Susan and Marilyn say they are amazed at how well girls who have a very bad reputation behave when they are taken away. The group has about 16 members, aged 11-16, though not all have been involved in crime. Younger girls do not go on the same trips as older girls who have had problems, but Toc H hopes they will be deterred from ever getting involved with crime.

Sergeant Brian Wilde, of Cleveland vice unit, said he was delighted to hear of the group's success. He added: 'This is excellent work and we will certainly be finding out more about it.'

Ian Stubbs, of the St Hilda's Partnership, a multi-agency community initiative, said he was grateful to Toc H for its work. He added: 'Very positive things are happening with the girls. It shows that if people are given a chance and given responsibility they achieve things.'

Yorkshire Television and Toc H - Bringing People Together

During the week commencing 5 February, Yorkshire Television screened nine 20 second Community Service Announcements (CSA's) - with the aim of recruiting volunteers to help with the Horbury (Wakefield) Toc H Group's Friendship Circle. With fingers firmly crossed Vivian and Molly Sharman and I waited for the phones to ring following the screening of the first CSA. What if no-one phoned? What if no one was interested? What if..? We needn't have worried. The phone started ringing, then rang some more, then rang some more. By the end of the week the CSA had identified 35 potential new volunteers for Toc H. If we could do something similar in all independent television regions and get the same sort of result, then we could see an additional three to four hundred people interested in the Movement.

How did we achieve this happy result?

Back in March 1994, I was called into the Group to advise on how PR could help them recruit new volunteers so that their regular, but infrequent, Friendship Circle meetings could take place more often. Vivian posed the question, 'What can PR do for our Group?'

Before I could answer, I had to ask a few questions of my own, such as:

- What are you promoting?
- What do you want PR to achieve for you?
- Who do you want to reach?
- What are the best ways of reaching these people?

The answers to the above questions had to be quite specific, as the task of publicity is to be specific. In the end the answers told us that, to increase the frequency of the Friendship Circle meetings, we needed to attract people living in the Horbury/Ossett area of Wakefield who were aged between 18 and 50, with transport and time to give to the Circle.

We needed people! This would be a quantifiable means of gauging the effectiveness of our PR. Between the local radio and local newspapers, we identified that a Community Service Announcement on Yorkshire Television would be a high visibility means of getting to our target people, and also put the Toc H name in front of a few million people.

I spent a follow-up day with Vivian, and we made telephone calls to the local media and visited the Horbury reporter for the local paper. Yorkshire Television sent an application form for the CSA, which went to their CSA Committee for consideration. Months passed before we heard that we had been successful in our application. Time went by and it was late in 1994 before we had a meeting arranged with the producer of the CSA.



During the meeting essential details were discussed by both parties. With both sides happy, a date was arranged for filming in January. The day dawned. We had hoped to rope one or two younger people in to represent the volunteers we were looking for - people like Anne Puddicombe, Roger Giles, Barry Englefield and Tom Elliott. Unfortunately, for one reason or another, it was down to Tom, Roger and myself to play-act the roles of jolly volunteers! Decked out in bright red Toc H sweatshirts, we manned the teapots and wheeled the chairs.

The Friendship Circles arrived, the film crew arrived, the pianist arrived. All was set. To get the 20 seconds of shots of people enjoying a singsong, while being expertly served gallons of tea by the afore-mentioned jolly volunteers, the cameraman, sound recordist and producer roamed the hall with the one camera, filming shots from every conceivable angle, for over two hours. And for two hours the Friendship Circle's sang *When You're Smiling* at least 18 times - and were still smiling at the end!

Everyone had a marvellous time and the end product was bright and lively, got Toc H in front of the viewing public in the YTV region, and introduced 35 new people to Toc H. An unexpected bonus was the exciting fact that people phoned in with potential Toc H work to be undertaken in their home areas. As I step back from the activity now, my colleagues in membership development and membership support take on the task of follow-up.

If you want details and advice on doing the same, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Stuart Wroe *Divisional PR & Appeals Officer.* ■

An Important Announcement:

A Memorial Service for the Revd John Durham will be held at All Hallows By The Tower, London, on Monday 24 April at 12.15pm. All friends will be welcome.

Tributes

We regret to announce the death of the following members

- In January** Cecil Exeter (Cosham & Waterlooville)
Thomas Fensom (Westwood)
Winifred Freer (Sandown/Shanklin)
Thomas Heatlie (Duns)
Henry Miller (Hoddesdon)
- In February** Frank Anderson (S E Regional Branch)
Ernest Bowerin (N E Norfolk District)
Jean Bradley (Huddersfield)
Margery Cliffe (Camborne)
Herbert Enderby (Clacton on Sea)
Fred Lancaster (Stockport District)
John Luke (Ipswich)
George Riddleston (late Whetstone & Finchley)
William Stratton (North Walsham)
Stanley Wootton (Wolverton)
- In March** Alastair Muir (Central Branch)
- Not previously recorded**
Harriet 'Bessie' Jones (Central Branch)

The Revd John Durham died on 25 January at the age of 92. John Durham was Deputy Vicar of All Hallows for the last seven years of Tubby Clayton's period as Vicar (1955-1962). He not only deputised during Tubby's frequent absences abroad, he was also responsible for keeping things on an even keel at the Church despite Tubby's haphazard approach. His behind-the-scenes contribution never received the public recognition it deserved. His efficiency - I was going to say 'quiet efficiency' but quiet is definitely not the right word for his bluff good humour - and his loyalty somehow kept impending chaos at bay.

He came to All Hallows after 10 years on the Toc H staff. His first appointment was as London Marks Padre. He had two short spells as Deputy Administrative Padre and served at various times in East Anglia, Kent, Surrey, Sussex and West London. He had very considerable literary gifts and his two anthologies of Tubby's writings, *Talbot House to Tower Hill* and *Tubby on Toc H*, will be his continuing legacy to the Movement. His own little book, *A Dream Comes True*, was a powerful contemporary statement of the role of Toc H in the post-war world and he was responsible for a well-loved anthology of writing on Toc H, *Here and There*. Tubby appointed him as his literary executor and in 1984 he published a final selection of Tubby's writing under the title *A Calendar of Wisdom*. **KP-B**

With sadness, Netherton Branch learnt of the death of The Revd David Tonge at the age of 64. In 1955 David came from Antigua to England with his family, wife and three daughters. They lived in Dudley, where David worked as a postman. The family were Anglicans and went to St Thomas's Church in Dudley. Don Guest, a member of Netherton Branch, introduced David to the Branch and he became a member. In 1962 David was licensed as a reader for St Thomas's Church and then in 1968 went to Well's Theological College. From then on David could not attend regularly at Branch meetings. However, he always came to special events and, when invited to speak, he always stated the warmth he had for Toc H and the Netherton Branch. In 1970 the family moved to Kidderminster, where he was curate at St Mary's Church for six years. David was ordained as vicar for Finstale, New Bromsgrove, in 1976. Sadly he was forced to retire two years ago because of ill-health. A great honour was bestowed on David when he became a member of the College of Chaplains and a Royal Chaplain to the Queen. The funeral was on 27 January at Holy Innocents Church, Kidderminster, where David had served as a volunteer priest. The eulogy was given by the Bishop of Worcester to a packed church. He spoke of David's work at the churches and stated that David was held in high esteem and would always be remembered with love and affection. **SHM**

Toc H Branch Poperinge are sad to announce the death on 23 January of their member Mr **Gaston Deprez**, a veteran of World War II. Gaston was born on 28 October 1920. **MB**

With much regret, North Walsham Branch report the sudden death of **William Stratton (Ted)** at the age of 79. He was a staunch Methodist and one of our longest serving members, joining in our hey-day when we had some 40 members, so many in fact that we had to divide into two Branches. Ted had held several offices in the Branch, latterly that of Minute Secretary. His passing will be a great loss to the Branch. **PP**

Cosby Branch report the death of **Alec Dunmore** who died in December. Alec gave much of his time over the last 20 years towards keeping Toc H in the sight of all men. He was involved in Toc H at district level and his ability to develop discussion and make it a lively debate will be sadly missed by us all. May his Light still shine. **JC**

It is with regret that Duns Branch report the death of one of our oldest members, **Thomas Heatlie**. Tom was a native of Duns and had an extensive knowledge of the ancient history of the town. He spent his last few years in a Nursing Home in Jedburgh where he died calmly and peacefully on 1 January, after a lengthy illness. **JM**

One of the oldest and longest serving members of Hoddesdon Branch, **Harry Miller**, passed away in January. We have lost not only a good branch member, but a good friend to everyone. Harry will be sadly missed by us all. **PR**

Stanley Wotton, of Wolverton Branch, died on 13 February. The Branch have sent in the following verse as their tribute to a much loved member: Mixture of men was Tubby's aim, Our Stan was a mixture all in one frame, Happy - Awkward - Angry old man sometime, Helpful and kind when he's a mind. One day he may be just like me, fine tho' this might be. What was in the man, made us disagree, but sometimes a fan. If God has a plan, I hope he finds a place for Stan. For good or bad I make this plea, I think of you, you think of me. **RC**

Stockport Branch are sad to report the loss of one of their members, **Fred Lancaster**, who passed away peacefully on 7 February at the age of 81. He was for many years a very active member and held several offices, one of them as Warden of the Stockport Children's Camp and, almost every week, helped with the Toc H library at Stepping Hill Hospital. *Toc H brings people together* - Fred did just that in every way. He was held in great affection and will be sadly missed by all who knew him. **AJC**

With the passing of **Margery Cliffe** at the age of 85, the branch in Camborne, Cornwall, has lost a dedicated member and loyal friend. Widowed when young and left with a son to raise and educate, Margery worked at one of the town's engineering firms, and had the great joy of attending her son's degree ceremony at the London Imperial College. Her life was dedicated to her church and Toc H, and her sweet nature and calm influence will be greatly missed by us all. **DJ**

Jean Bradley, a member of Toc H for over 60 years, was killed in a road accident on 23 February. She was a quiet, reserved member, devoted to Toc H, and had held many offices in the life of her Branch. Jean will be greatly missed by all her friends in Paddock and Huddersfield Branch. **PG**

It is with deep regret that Gloucester Branch records the death of **Dave Groves**, a dedicated member for 33 years. He was outstanding - with his high principles, fighting injustices, and always ready to help those in need. He gave up a great deal of time taking patients to hospital appointments, sometimes up to 50 miles away, and always got them there on time. His sense of duty was perfection in every way. He was a true Toc H member and the world is a far better place for his passing through. **DS**

With the death of **Cecil Exeter**, the Cosham and Waterlooville Branch has lost its longest serving member. He joined the Movement over 50 years ago and moved to the Portsmouth area after serving in the Army. For the last 20 years he had been a loyal and hardworking member of the Branch, carrying out the duties of Treasurer during the whole of this period. He was also a faithful and respected member of the local United Reform Church. A fine example to his Branch members and all those who knew him, Cecil will always be remembered for his cheerfulness and friendship. We give thanks for all that he achieved during a lifetime spent in the service of others. He will be sadly missed. **HK**

Funds For Branches and Groups - CAMEOs Friendship Circles - Projects

In 1994, the Central Executive Committee established a Methods Development Fund to encourage and oversee the growth of each of the chosen Toc H Methods, as listed above.

If you are about to develop an existing Method or take on a new initiative and require help, you should consider making an application to this Fund.

Any Toc H member or regional staff person wishing to know more should contact the Methods Administration Officer, John Biggerstaff, at Toc H Headquarters,

1 Forest Close, Wendover, Bucks HP22 6BT

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9 - 13 November

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